



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Cultural Commission

05/03/2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than ten (10) people gathering. The Chair will be present for the meeting with the staff liaison and commissioners participating remotely.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samara at 7:04 P.M.

Present 5 - Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Commissioner Candida Diaz, Vice Chair Jonathan Marinaro, and Commissioner Teresa Sulcer

Absent 1 - Commissioner Niha Mathur

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-297](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene, seconded by Commissioner Sulcer that this item be approved. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

Abstained: 1 - Vice Chair Marinaro

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-590](#) Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities

Recommendation: Provide status reports on the FY 2020/21 Cultural Commission work plan goals and activities.

The Commission discussed the work plan goals and reported on the progress in each area. The work plan will be revised to include specifics of the discussion items.

Goal #2-Commissioner von Huene reported that the 1st, 2nd and honorable mention winners have been declared for the Sculpture Exhibition. She mentioned there was a low turnout for the online voting. She also mentioned what the next steps are, the posting of the video and that the winners would be displayed in the Triton Museum. There were 26 entries. She also reported that 79 entries were received for the Surviving Covid project. She stated that some artists submitted multiple entries. She mentioned the five (5) judges and their perspectives. Commissioner Sulcer mentioned it was an emotional process and that she was touched by a particular poem. Commissioner von Huene mentioned how many different mediums were received and information about the pocket video. Commissioner Diaz reported that she was very surprised by the depth of the creativity with the submissions.

Commissioner Diaz provided an update on the Utility Box Art project. She reported that there were only three (3) submissions but the deadline was tonight. All boxes have been determined.

The Art map has been completed and is ready to be posted on website pages.

Commissioners discussed the NEA Grant. Commissioners would like to get on the City Council consent calendar by the end of the fiscal year. The deadline is August.

Goal #3-Commissioner Diaz reported that the Commemorative Months Coloring Book would be ready to view by Friday, May 7. A contract will be made for the artist. Distribution was discussed.

Goal #4-Chair Samara and Commissioner von Huene reported that the City Council presentation went well and that they were pleased with the commissions accomplishments and videos. Discussion on commissioners attending Americans for the Arts Virtual conference for \$149 each.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene, seconded by Commissioner Sulcer, to change the amount of the Sculpture Art Exhibition artist awards under Goal #2 in the Work Plan from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene, seconded by Commissioner Diaz that Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene and Commissioner Sulcer attend the Americans for the Arts Virtual Conference and that \$447 be allocated.

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro mentioned that the department is continuing to prioritize emergency response by offering walk up service for the Senior Nutrition Program at the Senior Center and Food for Families in cooperation with the Salvation Army. She mentioned Summer class registration opened at 12:01 a.m. on May 4. The City recently held the Homeridge Park Playground Rehabilitation Virtual Ribbon Cutting and the City Plaza Park Gazebo Enhancement Project survey is underway. She also mentioned the progress on the Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park project.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner von Huene mentioned she has been volunteering with Catalyze SV on community engagement, outreach and facilitation of evaluations of various developments of nearby cities. She stated it was an interesting journey to see if cities have 1% of the Arts and how they are focusing on Civic Art in their planning.

Vice Chair Marinaro mentioned that it has been an interesting shift in civic gathering areas and that there is a Hilltop mall in Oakland that will be turning into a mixed use or distribution site. Cities across the state are looking into malls that are now including local gathering spaces that can also be used as civic centers.

Chair Samara mentioned he was a judge for the Congressional Art Competition 2021. He mentioned he is very surprised of the high quality of art pieces produced and the high school artist's different perceptions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner von Huene, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

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